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SUBJ: STUDIES OF SATELLITE INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION
EXPERIMENT (SITE) BY USG OFFICIALS

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1. TWO RECENT REQUESTS (REFTELS), ONE FROM AID AND ANOTHER FROM USIS, FOR THE EMBASSY TO ARRANGE FOR VISITING USG EMPLOYEES TO STUDY THE SATELLITE INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION EXPERIMENT (SITE) RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO WHAT ARRANGEMENTS THE USG HAS MADE TO ASSURE THAT IT CAN PROPERLY EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THIS IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT AND WHAT ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE MADE.

2. THE EMBASSY APPROACHES THIS QUESTION IN TWO WAYS. FIRST, THE EXPERIMENT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE IN WHICH THE US HAS MADE A MAJOR INVESTMENT: WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN AND A RIGHT TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESULTS. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE GOI DISAGREES WITH THIS; IN FACT THE GOI IS WELCOMING VISITORS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES WHO ARE EXAMINING THE PROJECT. AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE GOI WILL FURNISH TO NASA THE RESULTS OF ITS ANALYSIS OF THE EXPERIMENT

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WHEN ISRO HAS COMPLETED ITS OWWN RESEARCH. SECOND,

HOWEVER, WE WISH TO INSURE THAT WASHINGTON VISITORS WHO ASK TO EXAMINE SITE COME AS A RESULT OF A COORDINATED WASHINGTON DECISION THAT THEIR VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXPERIMENT WHICH THE USG DESIRES. IN OTHER WORDS, WE WELCOME THE SERIOUS VISITOR WHOM WASHINGTON SENDS TO DO CAREFUL STUDY AND WE BELIEVE THE GOI WILL WELCOME HIM. WE DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE CASUAL VISITORS BOTH BECAUSE OF OUR CURRENT POLICY OF KEEPING OUR PROFILE AND PRESENCE IN INDIA LOW AND BECAUSE OF OUR DESIRE TO AVOID NEEDLESSLY EXCITING THE SUSPICIONS OF THE GOI AT A DIFFICULT TIME IN OUR RELATIONS.

3. WE APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S CURRENT PRACTICE OF CHECKING WITH US IN ADVANCE ABOUT POSSIBLE VISITORS. WE ASK, HOWEVER, THAT WE BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT NATURE OF COORDINATION IN WASHINGTON AND ABOUT NATURE OF THE STUDY WHICH THE VISITOR WISHES TO PERFORM. WE DO NOT FEEL QUALIFIED TO MAKE THE TECHNICAL DETERMINATION HERE REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF A PARTICULAR VISITOR'S STUDY AND LOOK TO WASHINGTON COORDINATION TO ACHIEVE THIS.
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